

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

By Baird

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Elva Morton on the celebration of her 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elva Morton will celebrate her 90th birthday on February 6, 2003, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of the late John L. and Laura Shoun, Mrs. Morton was born and raised in Campbell County; she still lives there today as a most beloved and highly respected member of the community; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mrs. Elva Morton served with devotion and enthusiasm as a teacher; after working at both Caryville and Jacksboro, Mrs. Morton took her much-deserved retirement from Jellico High School; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure as an instructor, Mrs. Morton touched and inspired many young lives through her compassion and consideration, motivating her students to reach their greatest potential both as scholars and citizens; and

WHEREAS, as a teacher, she was involved in numerous educational organizations, working assiduously to improve the quality of education for students, parents, and teachers alike; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morton was married to Hoyt Morton, and the couple enjoyed a blessed union for many years; Mr. Morton has since passed from this life to a far better existence; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morton enjoys the company of her four children: Reta Jones and her husband, J. Will Jones; Roger Morton and his wife, Gayle; John Morton and his wife, Patti; and Sharon Morton; she has been further blessed with twelve grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. Morton approaches her tenth decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Morton once hosted Senator Lamar Alexander as an overnight guest during his successful campaign for governor; Mrs. Morton has been an active member of the Republican Party and is a charter member of the Campbell County Republican Women; and

WHEREAS, she evinces her devout faith as an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Jellico; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mrs. Elva Morton on the celebration of her 90th birthday, and extend to her our best wishes for many more years of continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.